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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 1581

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SAHSA AIRPLANE CRASH

1. SAHSA FLIGHT 415 FROM NEW ORLEANS VIA SAN PEDRO SULA CRASHED ON LANDING AT TONCONTIN AIRPORT AT TEGUCIGALPA. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE NO CASUALTIES AMONG THE ESTIMATED SEVENTY PASSENGERS ALTHOUGH SOME INCLUDING US AMBASSADOR PHILLIP V. SANCHEZ WERE SHAKEN UP AND ARE RECEIVING TREATMENT FOR MINOR INJURIES.

2. AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ IS HOSPITALIZED OVERNIGHT AT CLINICA VIERA TEGUCIGALPA FOR OBSERVATION AND IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW. HE HAS NO BROKEN BONES NOR OUTWARD INJURIES. THE AMBASSADOR HAD BOARDED PLANE AT SAN PEDRO RETURNING FROM NORTH COAST TRIP.

3. ACCIDENT TO BOEING 737 JET OCCURRED ABOUT 17:30 LOCAL TIME AS PLANE LANDED IN LIGHT DRIZZLE. EYEWITNESSES SAID IT APPEARED PLANE OVERSHOT RUNWAY, BRAKES FAILED AND IT WENT OFF RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT DID NOT CATCH FIRE AND ALL PASSENGERS EVACUATED.

4. IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ FOLLOWING AMERICANS KNOWN TO BE ON BOARD AND SAFE ALTHOUGH EXTENT OF INJURIES, IF ANY, UNKNOWN: COL. DELMORE FESSENDEN EMBASSY AIRATT; LT. COL. ROBERT MACINTOSH, ASST. AIRATT, BRIAN WILLS, US BUSINESSMAN ON WAY TO COSTA RICA; TIM (?) LEWIS, LOS ANGELES TIMES CORRESPONDENT.

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5. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING IDENTIFY ANY OTHER US CITIZEN PASSENGERS
AND THEIR STATUS AND WILL REPORT TO DEPARTMENT ASAP.
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